GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3299
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FACILITIES TO SENIOR CITIZENS RELATING TO PASSPORT ISSUANCE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to extend certain facilities in the issuance of passports to senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b) The Government has been extending special facilities to the senior citizens in the issuance of passports. They are exempted from Police Verification at the time of issuance of passport provided at least one of their children holds a valid passport. They are also granted ECNR (Emigration Check Not Required) at the time of issuance of the passport. There are separate queues for senior citizens at all passport offices.

(c) Not applicable.